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STAMPS, COINS AND BANKNOTES ISSUED DURING THE PREMIERSHIP OF **SHRI NARENDRA MODI**

PART – 1 (FIRST TERM 2014-2019)

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ABOUT THE EDITOR



Mr. Sushilkumar Agrawal is a visionary first-generation entrepreneur and the Chairman and Managing Director of **Ultra Media & Entertainment Private Ltd**, a leader in the global Film & Television industry. With an MSc degree, Mr. Agrawal began his career in 1979 by establishing a chemical manufacturing business. His innovative mindset soon led him to explore the entertainment industry, where he launched a VHS video cassette manufacturing facility in 1983, during the industry's formative years.

Under Mr. Agrawal's leadership, Ultra has expanded its offerings, embracing new technologies and diversifying into music rights, VCDs, DVDs, and global television rights. Today, Ultra boasts an extensive library of films, television programs, and content across various genres and languages, cementing its place as a significant player in the entertainment sector.

In 2016, driven by his passion for preserving cultural heritage, Mr. Agrawal founded **Mintage World**, the world's first online museum dedicated to Numismatics (coins), Notaphily (currency notes), and Philately (stamps). Mintage World serves as a unique platform that educates and engages the public, collectors, and scholars, offering a detailed catalog of coins, notes, and stamps. It is a testament to Mr. Agrawal's commitment to making history accessible and engaging for people of all ages.

Beyond his business ventures, Mr. Agrawal has also established himself as a prolific author, publishing books that delve into the world of collectibles. His book, **"Global Collectibles of Mahatma Gandhi – through Banknotes, Coins, and Stamps,"** has been widely acclaimed for its unique focus on Gandhi's legacy through these mediums. He is currently working on further publications that explore similar themes, bringing historical and cultural narratives to light through philately and numismatics.

In 2024, again under his guidance, the book **"Endangered Parrots of the World on Stamps, Coins, and Banknotes"** was published. It consists of an exquisite collection of commemorative stamps, coins, and banknotes issued by diverse nations on Endangered Parrots, generating interest and enthusiasm among philatelists, numismatists and nature enthusiasts alike.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Indian Stamps, Coins, and Banknotes during the Tenure of Shri Narendra Modi

Shri Narendra Modi is a name that echoes beyond the borders of India, not only for his political role but also for the sheer narrative of his life's journey. Globally, his presence is felt not just in diplomatic corridors but in cultural exchanges and economic partnerships.

As a Prime Minister, his policies have aimed at economic growth, digital transformation, and international diplomacy, positioning India as a significant player on the global stage.

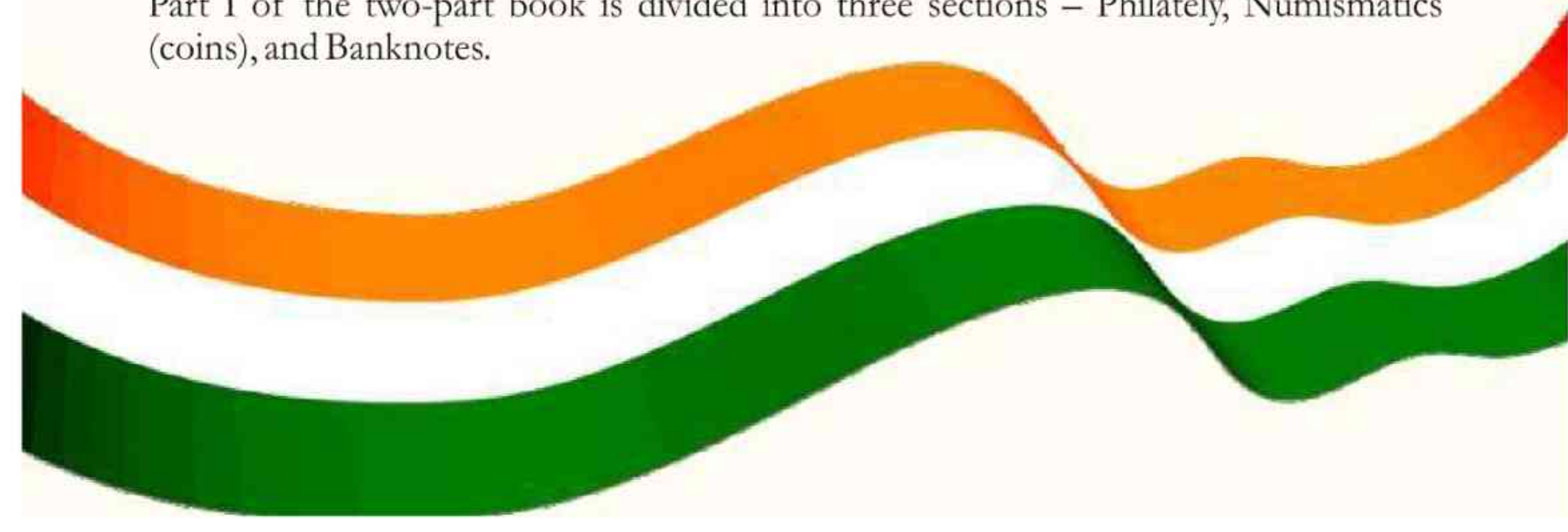
Shri Narendra Modi is known for his leadership style, economic policies, and various initiatives such as "Make in India," "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" (Clean India Campaign), and "Digital India." Improving communication infrastructure and increasing mobility are among his main areas of importance and focus. Along with these, his initiatives, like digital payments, cleanliness drives, and infrastructure development reflect on the stamps, coins and banknotes issued during his tenure.

During the tenure of two terms of Shri Narendra Modi, many interesting stamps and coins have been issued. Shifting from issuing personality-centric philatelic issues, the Department of Posts has been promoting Indian culture, arts, crafts, textiles, flora and fauna. Many miniature sheets were issued in innovative shapes and size.

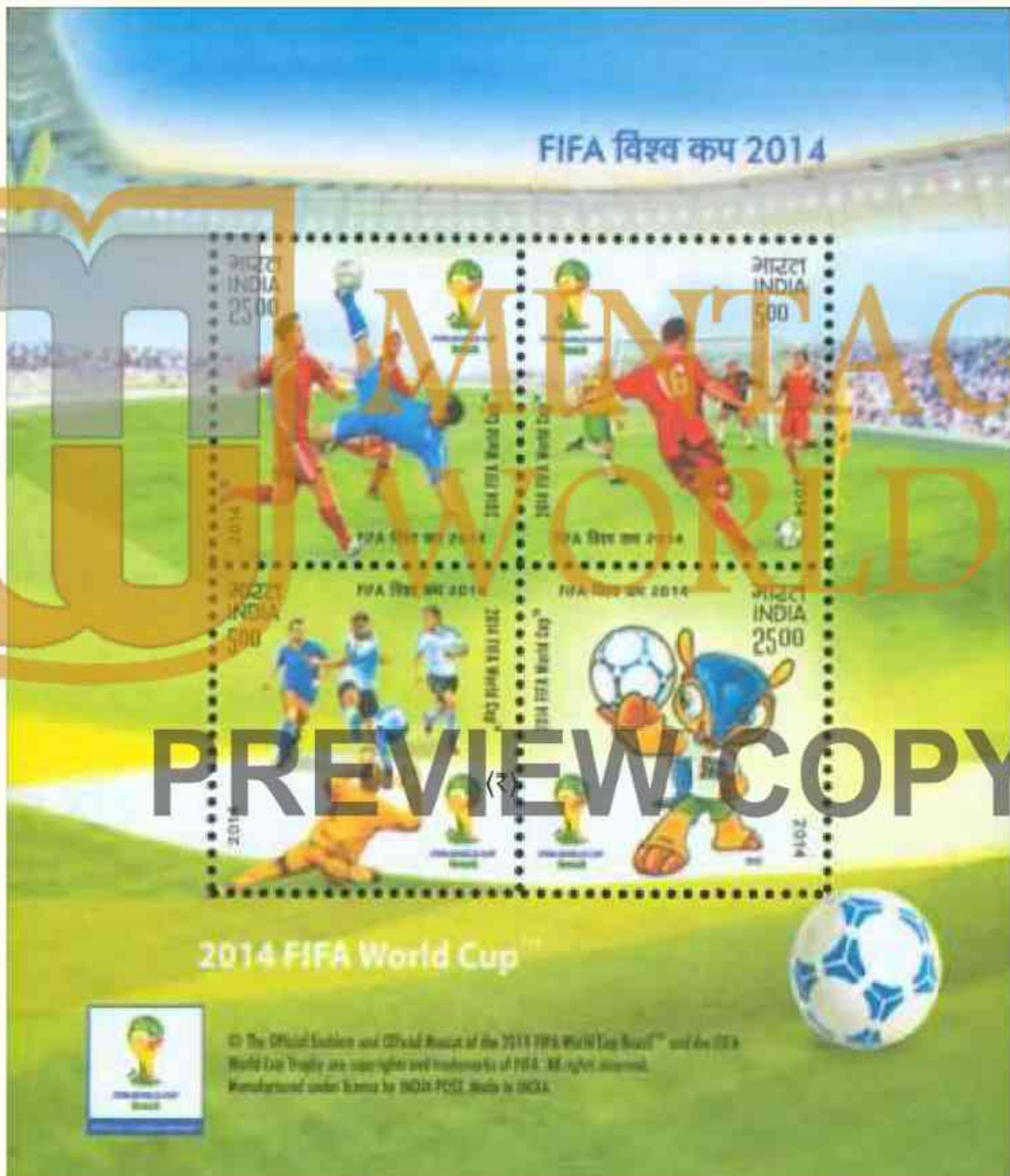
'Women and Children, Tribal Empowerment, Water, Cultural Pride, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), Health and Wellness, Inclusive Development, Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Unity'- the Philatelic and Numismatic Issues during the two term 10 years of PM Shri Narendra Modi have aptly reflected the above ethos.

This book is an effort to aggregate the philatelic and numismatic issues (including currency banknotes) from the period 2014 to 2024, to further highlight the ethos of Atmanirbharta, Cultural Pride, Tribal and Woman Empowerment, and Inclusive Development for hobbyists and general public alike.

Part I of the two-part book is divided into three sections – Philately, Numismatics (coins), and Banknotes.



12-Jun-14 FIFA World Cup – Set of Four Stamps and an MS



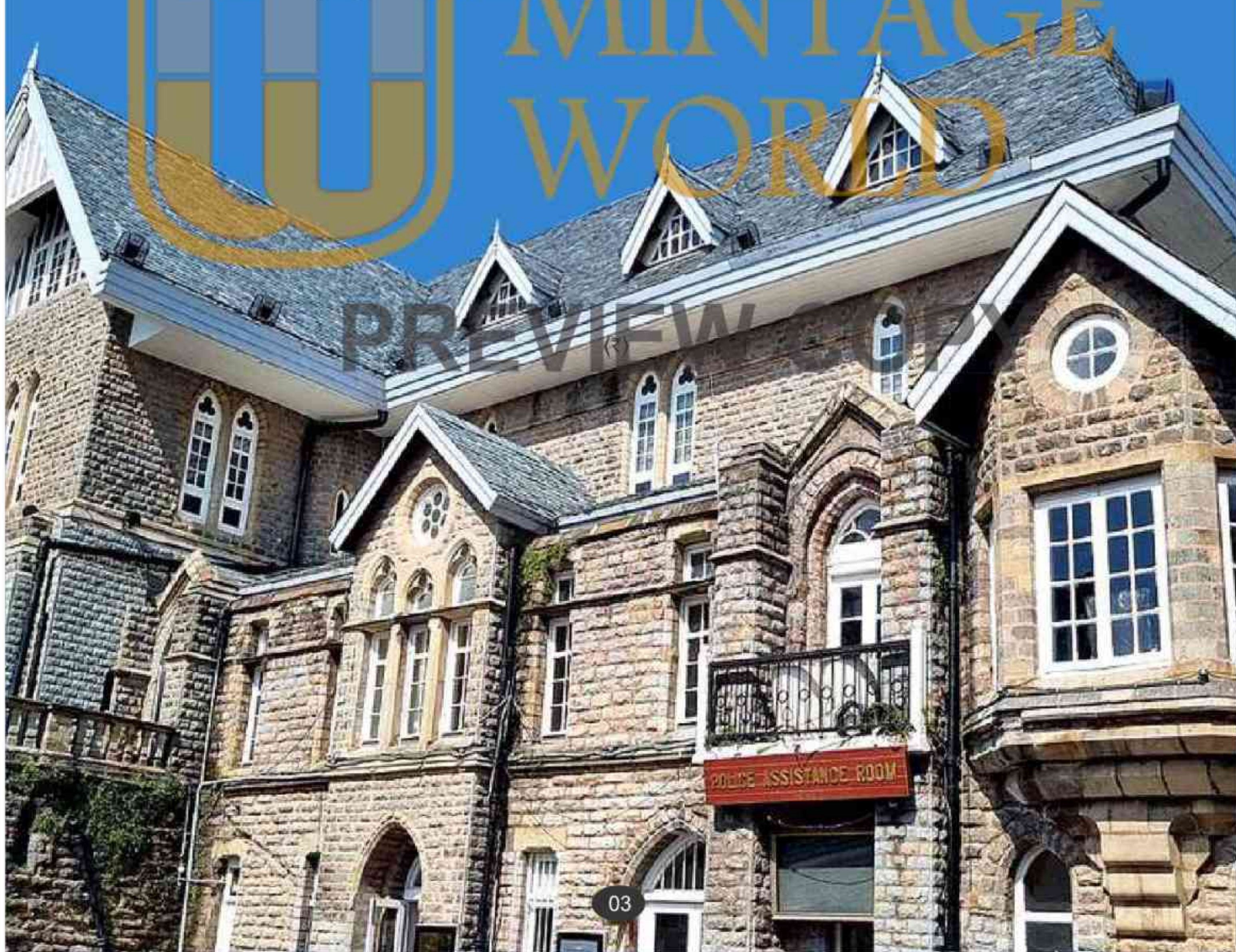
India Post released a set of four stamps and a miniature sheet depicting action on the field and the mascot on the day of the opening ceremony of the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The stamps are an apt tribute to the football lovers in India and around the world.

20-Aug-14 Gaiety Theatre Complex, Shimla - Single Stamp Issue



Gaiety Theatre is a famous setting location for various films and music videos, including scenes from the movie Tamasha, the music video "Pachtaoge", the song "Main Nikla Gaddi Le Ke" from the movie Gadar- Ek Prem Katha, and the 2022 song "O Aasmanwale" by Jubin Nautiyal.

The theatre, designed by Henry Irwin, opened on May 30, 1887, and is an example of Gothic Revival architecture, inspired by British Victorian antecedents. Originally part of a larger Town Hall Complex, it could accommodate more than 300 persons.



08-Jan-15 100 Years of Mahatma Gandhi's Return – Set of Two Stamps and an MS



"100 Years of Mahatma Gandhi's Return" to the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa after a significant period.

Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa in January 1915. He had spent about 20 years in South Africa, where he developed his philosophy of nonviolent resistance and led the Indian community's struggle against discrimination.

22-Jan-15 Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP Mission) – Single Stamp Issue



The "BBBP initiative" refers to the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative, which translates to "Save the Daughter, Educate the Daughter" in English. It is a flagship program of the Government of India, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22, 2015, with the aim of addressing the declining child sex ratio (CSR) and empowering girls through education.

Key aspects of the initiative include promoting girls' education by increasing enrollment and retention in schools, enhancing the quality of education, and providing scholarships and incentives to support girls' education.

The program operates at both national and state levels, with tailored action plans that address the specific needs and priorities of different regions, reflecting a strong commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls in India.

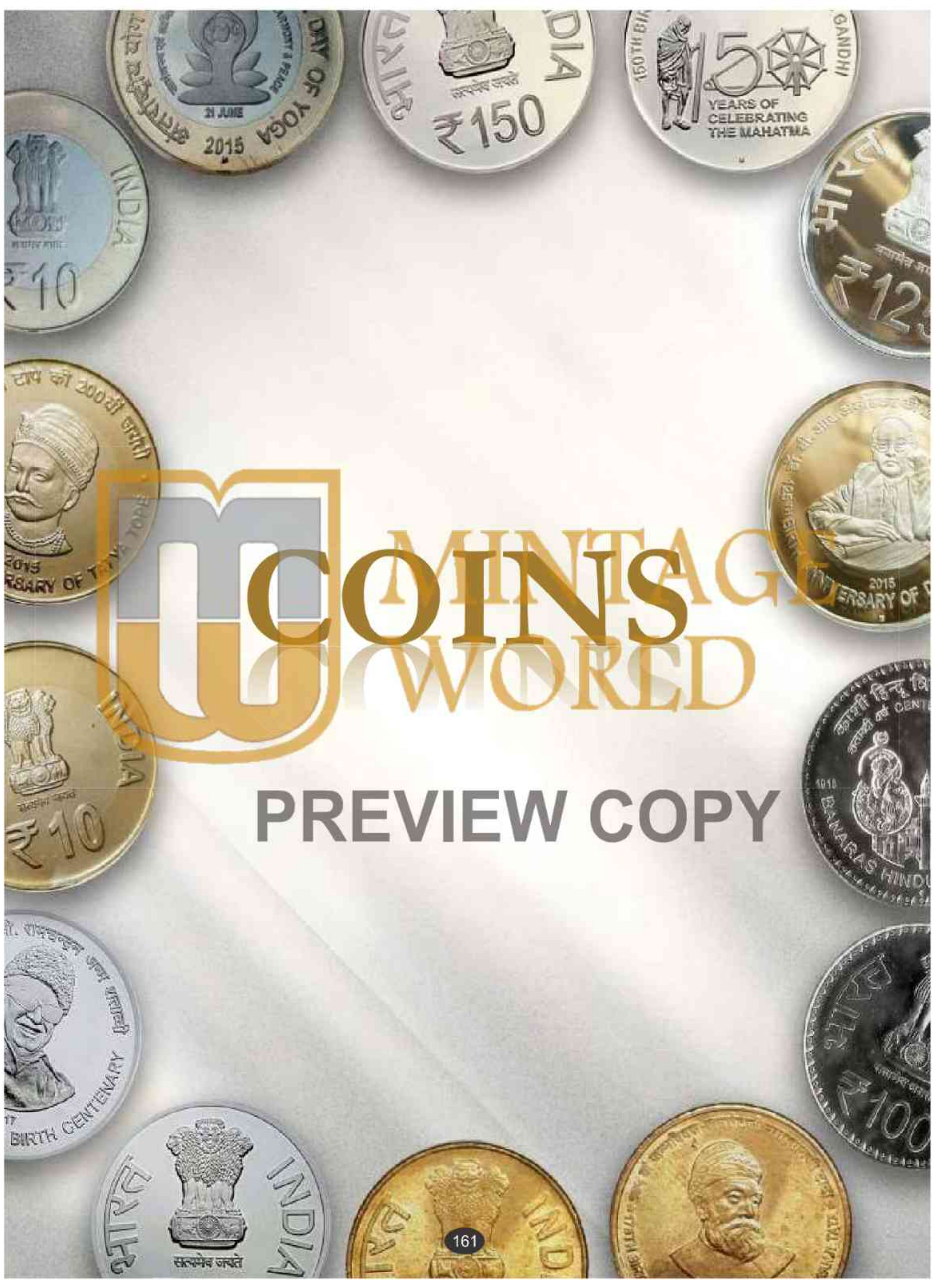


30-Jan-15 Swachh Bharat – Set of Three Stamps and an MS



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, also known as the Clean India Mission or Swachh Bharat Mission – with two sub-missions Swachh Bharat (Gramin) and Swachh Bharat (Urban), is a national cleanliness campaign initiated by the Government of India. Launched on October 2, 2014, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the mission aims to achieve universal sanitation coverage and make India clean and free of open defecation by October 2, 2019, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has made significant progress since its launch, with millions of toilets constructed, villages and cities declared open defecation-free and increased awareness about sanitation and hygiene practices. While challenges remain, the mission continues to drive efforts towards achieving its goals of a clean and healthy India.



COINS

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COMMEMORATIVE COINS

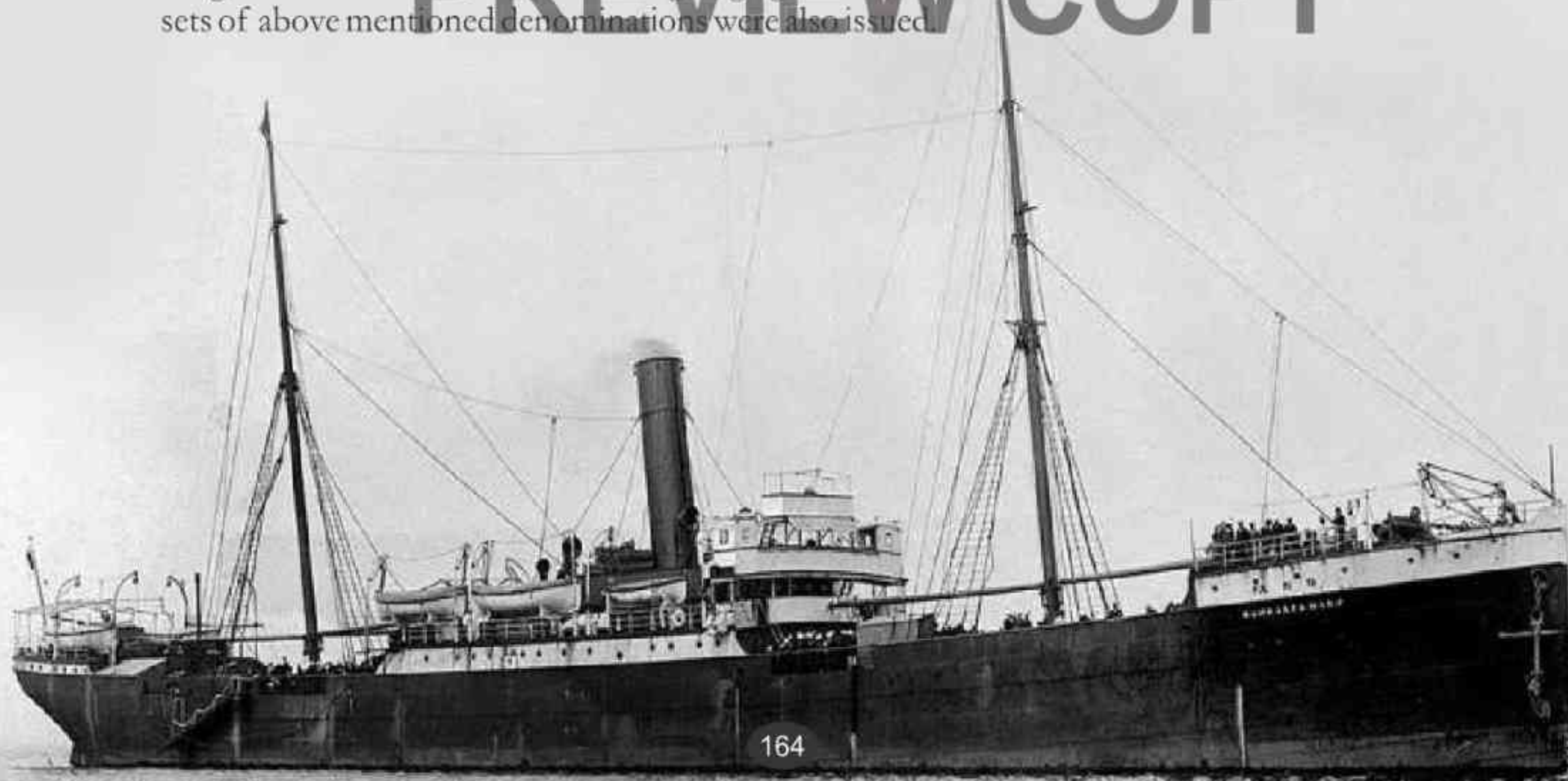
Mints	Mint Marks
Mumbai	◆
Kolkata	(No Mint Mark)
Hyderabad	★
Noida	●

2014 Centenary of Komagata Maru Incident



The Komagata Maru incident occurred in 1914 when a group of people from Punjab province in British India attempted to immigrate to Canada on the Japanese steamship named Komagata Maru. They were denied entry and forced to return to Calcutta, where the Indian Imperial Police attempted to arrest them, leading to a riot and some deaths.

To commemorate this event, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 100 was minted in 2014 at Mumbai, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Nickel-Brass coin of Rs. 5 for general circulation was issued weighing 6gms and 23mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.



2014 175th Birth Anniversary of Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata



Considered the Father of Indian Industry, Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata was a trailblazing businessman from India who established the Tata Group. Jawaharlal Nehru referred to him as a 'One-Man Planning Commission' because of his immense influence in the business sector.

To commemorate his birth centenary, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 100 was minted in 2014 at Kolkata, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Nickel-Brass coin of Rs. 5 for general circulation was issued weighing 6gms and 23mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.

2014 50 Years of BHEL



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2015 International Day of Yoga



Since 2015, June 21 has been observed globally as the International Day of Yoga. June 21 was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 2014 UN speech since it is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and has particular meaning for many people worldwide.

To commemorate this event, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 100 was minted in 2015 at Mumbai, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Copper-Nickel coin of Rs. 10 for general circulation was issued weighing 7.71gms and 27mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.

2015 Birth Centenary of Rani Gaidinliu



Rani Gaidinliu, a Naga spiritual and political leader, revolted against British rule in India. In 1932, at the age of 16, she was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment. After India's independence, she continued her work of uplifting people.

To commemorate her birth centenary, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 100 was minted in 2015 at Kolkata, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Nickel-Brass coin of Rs. 5 for general circulation was issued weighing 6gms and 23mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.

2015 150th Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai



Lala Lajpat Rai, a freedom fighter and writer, was also known as Punjab Kesari. He passed away from serious head injuries he had acquired eighteen days earlier while he was being attacked with a baton by police in Lahore while leading a nonviolent demonstration against the Simon Commission.

To commemorate his birth centenary, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 150 was minted in 2015 at Kolkata, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Copper-Nickel coin of Rs. 10 for general circulation was issued weighing 7.71gms and 27mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.

2015 200th Birth Anniversary of Tatya Tope



Ram Chandra Pandurang Rao or Tatya Tope was a significant commander in the Indian Rebellion of 1857. His exceptional guerrilla fighting skills made him one of the world's most notable military leaders in this type of conflict.

To commemorate his birth centenary, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 200 was minted in 2015 at Kolkata, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Copper-Nickel coin of Rs. 10 for general circulation was issued weighing 7.71gms and 27mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.

2015 475th Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap



Maharana Pratap, the king of Mewar, was born in 1540. He is renowned for spearheading the Rajput resistance to the Mughal Emperor Akbar's expansionist policies, which included the Haldighati Battle.

To commemorate his birth centenary, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 100 was minted in 2015 at Mumbai, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Copper-Nickel coin of Rs. 10 for general circulation was issued weighing 7.71gms and 27mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.

2016 Biju Patnaik Birth Centenary



Biju Patnaik was the third Chief Minister of the State of Odisha. He was a businessman, politician, and pilot. He saved the Indonesian Prime Minister and took him to New Delhi during the country's independence war.

To commemorate his birth centenary, a non-circulating Quaternary Alloy coin of Rs. 100 was minted in 2016 at Kolkata, weighing 35gms and 44mm dia. Additionally, a Nickel-Brass coin of Rs. 5 for general circulation was issued weighing 6gms and 23mm dia. Both Proof and UNC coin sets of above mentioned denominations were also issued.



MINTAGE BANKNOTES

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MAHATMA GANDHI NEW SERIES

The issuance of currency by a nation's government in the form of paper notes and coins is a vital aspect of the economy, facilitating the exchange of goods and services. In India, the Reserve Bank of India is responsible for this critical function, ensuring the stability and integrity of the currency.

Combating counterfeiting is a top priority, leading to the integration of sophisticated security features in banknotes to safeguard against unauthorized replication. Each nation incorporates unique security elements to protect its national currency from fraud and forgery.

In 2016, the Government of India introduced a new series of 7 banknotes following a significant demonetization initiative. The design of the new notes reflects India's rich cultural heritage and technological achievements, with a focus on the country's historic sites.

Distinguished by their distinct colors, sizes, and themes, the new banknotes also feature additional elements such as numerals in Devanagari script and the Swachh Bharat logo. Each denomination showcases iconic heritage sites on the reverse, celebrating India's rich historical and architectural legacy.

The new currency series pays homage to India's diverse cultural and historical tapestry, while also symbolizing the nation's remarkable progress and achievements. The details are as follows:

The Rs 10 note has the motif of 'Sun Temple, Konark' on the reverse.

The Rs 20 note has the motif of the Ellora Caves on the reverse.

The Rs 50 note has the motif of 'Hampi with Chariot' on the reverse.

The Rs 100 note has the motif of 'Rani ki Vav' on the reverse.

The Rs 200 note has the motif of 'Sanchi Stupa' on the reverse.

The Rs 500 note has the motif of Red Fort on the reverse.

The Rs 2000 has the motif of the Mangalyaan on the reverse, depicting the country's first venture into interplanetary space.

Because of the historical sites that are printed on them, Indian banknotes not only function as a means of transaction but also as a visual representation of the nation's rich cultural legacy.

Rs. 10



Urjit Patel



Shaktikanta Das

The Reserve Bank of India introduced the New Series Rs.10 banknote on 2017, with the base colour note of Chocolate Brown.

On obverse, the Banknote featured the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the Centre while the reverse features the image of Sun temple, Konark (Odisha).

This series saw the signatures of RBI governors like Urjit Patel and Shaktikanta Das.



Rs. 20



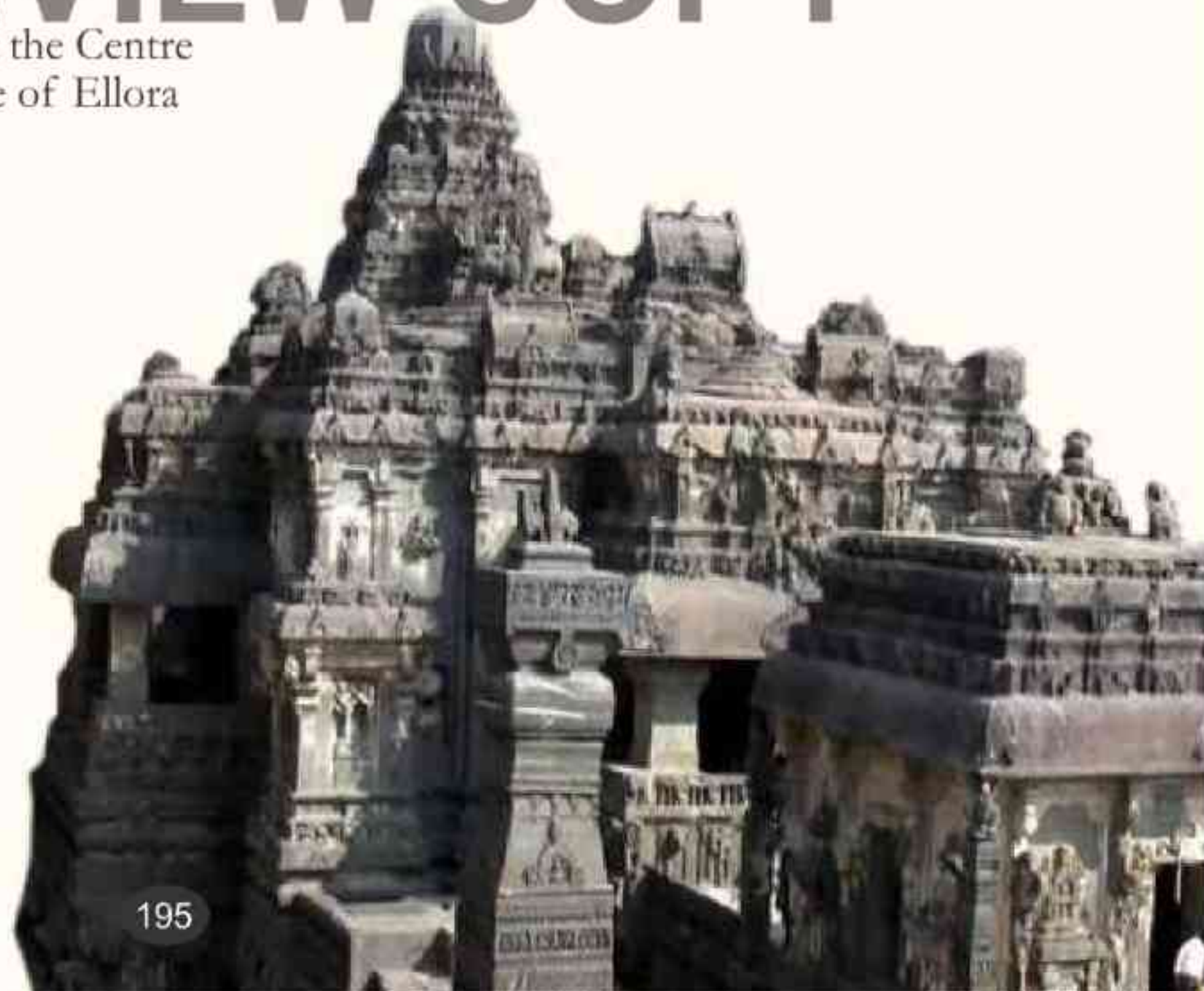
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Shaktikanta Das
Shaktikanta Das

The New Rs. 20 Banknote was issued by the RBI on 26th April 2019, with the Base colour of Greenish Yellow.

On obverse, the Banknote featured the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the Centre while the reverse features the image of Ellora Caves, Maharashtra.

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das has his signatures on the entire series.



Rs. 50



Urjit Patel



Shaktikanta Das

The Rs. 50 Banknote was issued by the RBI on 2017, with the base colour note of Fluorescent Blue.

On obverse, the Banknote featured the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the Centre while the reverse features the image of Garuda Shrine Chariot, Hampi (Karnataka).

Governors of the RBI, including Urjit Patel and Shaktikanta Das signed this series.



Rs. 100



Urjit Patel

Shaktikanta Das

The Base Colour of the new Rs. 100 note which was issued by RBI in 2018 is Lavender. On obverse, the Banknote featured the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the Centre while the reverse features the image of Rani ki Vav, Patan (Gujarat).

This series saw the signatures of RBI governors like Urjit Patel and Shaktikanta Das.

